

**Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 4, so that the claims read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A polymer electrolyte fuel cell comprising: a hydrogen ion conductive polymer electrolyte membrane; and a pair of electrodes having catalyst layers sandwiching said hydrogen ion conductive polymer electrolyte membrane therebetween and gas diffusion layers in contact with said catalyst layers, wherein at least the catalyst layer of one of said electrodes comprises carbon particles supporting a noble metal catalyst, and said carbon particles comprise at least first carbon particles adsorbing a first hydrogen ion conductive polymer electrolyte comprising first polymer electrolyte particles having [[a]] first particle sizes and second carbon particles adsorbing a second hydrogen ion conductive polymer electrolyte comprising second polymer electrolyte particles having [[a]] second particle sizes, wherein the first and the second carbon particles may be the same or different and the first and second particle sizes of the first and second ~~hydrogen-conductive~~ polymer electrolyte~~[[s]]~~ particles are different.

2. (Previously Presented) The polymer electrolyte fuel cell as set forth in claim 1, wherein the first and the second carbon particles differ from each other in specific surface area or DBP oil adsorption.

3. (Currently Amended) A polymer electrolyte fuel cell comprising: a hydrogen ion conductive polymer electrolyte membrane; and a pair of electrodes having catalyst layers sandwiching said hydrogen ion conductive polymer electrolyte membrane therebetween and gas diffusion layers in contact with said catalyst layers, wherein at least the catalyst layer of one of said electrodes comprises carbon particles supporting a noble metal catalyst, and said carbon particles comprise at least first carbon particles adsorbing a first hydrogen ion conductive polymer electrolyte comprising first polymer electrolyte particles having first particle sizes and second carbon particles adsorbing a second hydrogen ion conductive polymer electrolyte comprising second polymer electrolyte particles having second particle sizes, wherein the first and the second carbon particles may be the same or different and the first and second particle sizes of the first and second polymer electrolyte particles are different~~The polymer electrolyte~~

~~fuel cell as set forth in claim 1~~, wherein the first particle sizes of said first hydrogen ion conductive polymer electrolyte particles ~~[[is]]~~ are within a range of 30 to 200 nm when measured by a light-scattering photometer.

4. (Currently Amended) A polymer electrolyte fuel cell comprising: a hydrogen ion conductive polymer electrolyte membrane; and a pair of electrodes having catalyst layers sandwiching said hydrogen ion conductive polymer electrolyte membrane therebetween and gas diffusion layers in contact with said catalyst layers, wherein at least the catalyst layer of one of said electrodes comprises carbon particles supporting a noble metal catalyst, and said carbon particles comprise at least first carbon particles adsorbing a first hydrogen ion conductive polymer electrolyte comprising first polymer electrolyte particles having first particle sizes and second carbon particles adsorbing a second hydrogen ion conductive polymer electrolyte comprising second polymer electrolyte particles having second particle sizes, wherein the first and the second carbon particles may be the same or different and the first and second particle sizes of the first and second polymer electrolyte particles are different~~The polymer electrolyte fuel cell as set forth in claim 1~~, wherein the first carbon particles have a specific surface area of 30 to 400 m<sup>2</sup>/g and the second carbon particles have a specific surface area of 400 to 1600 m<sup>2</sup>/g, and

the first and second particle sizes of the first and the second ~~hydrogen ion~~ ~~conductive~~ polymer electrolyte ~~[[s]]~~ particles adsorbed to said first and second carbon particles are within a range of 30 to 200 nm and a range of 200 to 500 nm, respectively, when measured by a light-scattering photometer.

5-14. (Cancelled)